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RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE: SOVIET BLOC

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID-3 and NSCID-15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence on Soviet Bloc and China, the following policies and allocations are hereby established:

1. Policies

1.1 In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in economic intelligence activities.

b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence between all agencies concerned is essential.

c. No one agency is considered the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.

d. Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies in order to fulfill its agency functions, but

such studies should not normally be undertaken without advance consultation with the agency having primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

c. An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field.

2. Responsibility for Intelligence Production

2.1 The general field of economic intelligence production is subdivided into three major areas, and allocation of primary production responsibilities therein is made as follows:

a. Production of economic intelligence in fields in which economic and political analysis are interdependent shall be the primary responsibility of the Department of State.

b. Production of intelligence in fields in which economic and military intelligence are interdependent shall be the primary responsibility of the Department of Defense.

c. Production of economic intelligence not directly dependent on political or military intelligence or requiring special industrial or technical competence shall be the primary responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency.

2.2 It is recognized that, despite the above mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities there will

be areas of common or overlapping interest which require continuing inter-agency liaison and such working-level conferences as may be appropriate.

3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination

3.1 The Economic Intelligence Committee shall continue to perform the functions outlined in IAC-D-22/1 (revised).